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375 feet East of Forestville Road and Suitland Parkway  
Suitland Vicinity  
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UTM: 18.337250.4299400  
USGS QUAD Anacostia, DC-MD

**Date Of Construction:** September, 1943- December, 1944

**Engineer/ Architect:** National Park Service for the Public Roads Administration

**Present Owner:** Department of Interior, National Park Service  
1900 Anacostia Drive, S.E., Washington D.C.

**Present Use:** Henson Creek stone culvert headwall

**Significance:** This culvert headwall is part of the Suitland Parkway. The Parkway was constructed as a defense access road to Andrews Air Force Base from the District of Columbia. The concept of the parkway called for a layout which complied with the design principles of parkway road design. This includes the use of such elements as stone walls, wood post and guardrails, and stone headwalls. The original stone structure still in place exemplifies the historic significance of the headwall. The Henson Creek stone culvert headwall is typical of what is present throughout the parkway.

**Project Information:** In conjunction with the rehabilitation and construction of the eastern section of the Suitland Parkway, this culvert will be enlarged and headwalls rebuilt. These improvements will be made to alleviate potential flooding on adjacent land north of the parkway and provide the safest possible condition with respect to the new road.

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## Summary of Headwall

This culvert headwall is documented as a cultural resource on the Suitland Parkway which was designed as a split multi-lane limited-access landscaped parkway. The Parkway was constructed as a defense access road to Andrews Air Force Base from the District of Columbia. Construction of the Parkway was started in 1943 and the two southern lanes were completed in 1944. Work was halted because the road was no longer needed for war time defense. Management of the parkway was then deeded to the National Park Service. Presently four lanes are complete from the Washington D.C. line to Silverhill Road. The remaining portion of the Parkway consists of the two southern lanes which host two-way traffic. The road grading and cross-drainage systems were in place for the completion of the entire road before construction stopped.

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## Description of Structure

Location: Station 274+50 West-bound road, 375' east of Forestville Road.

Size: Approximately 47'-5" by 8'-6" by 1'-0"; 9" thick stone veneer face, 5'-0" by 16'-0" culvert opening.

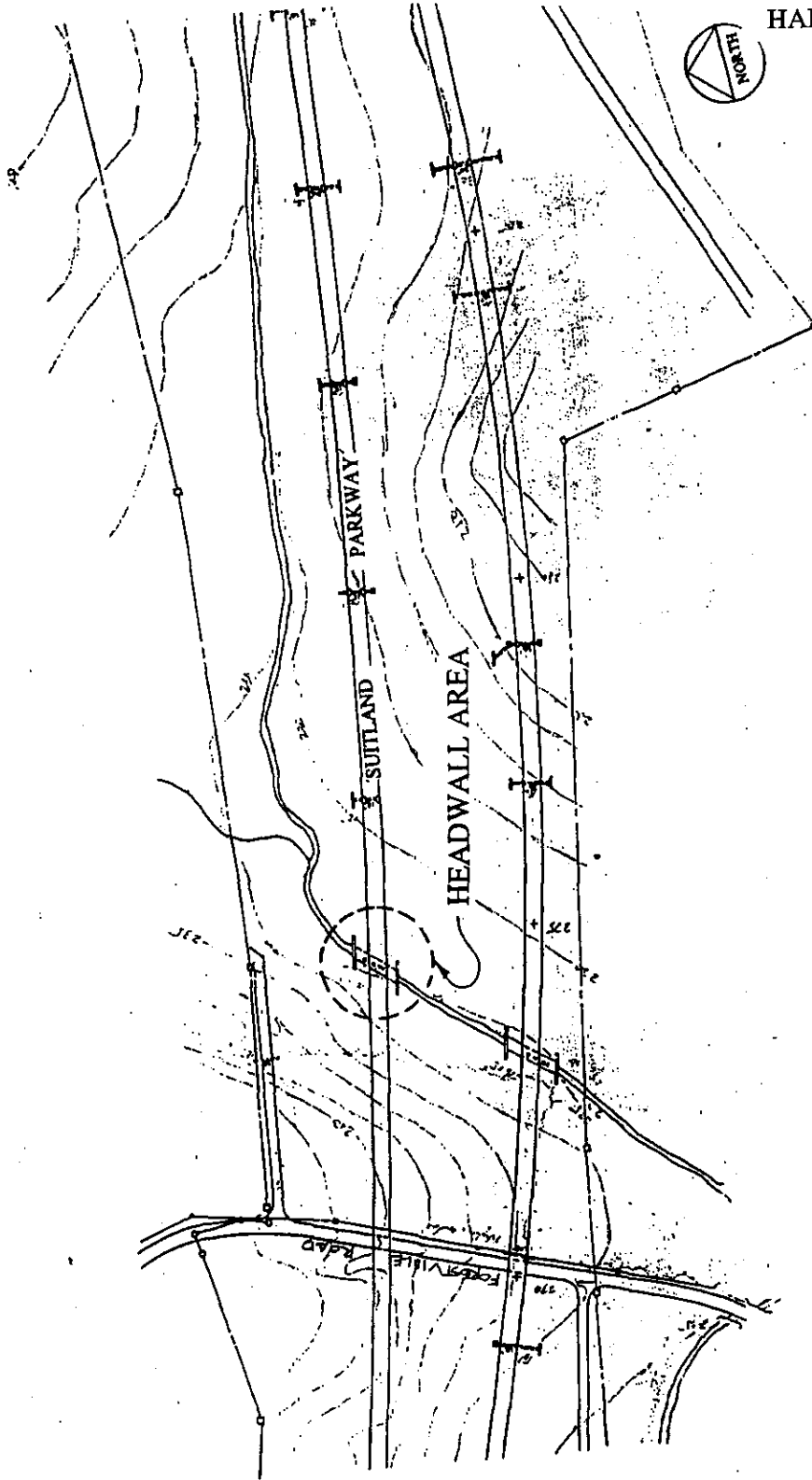
Designed by: National Park Service for the Public Roads Administration with design review by the Fine Arts Commission.

General Design Elements: Class 'A' stone masonry, dimensioned stone native to the area. Concrete culvert under road bed.

In conjunction with the rehabilitation and construction of the eastern section of the Suitland Parkway, this culvert will be widened from 47'-5" to 95'-6" and lengthened 25'-0" on the south and 10'-0" on the north and stone headwalls reconstructed. These improvements will be made to the headwall and culvert to accommodate the construction of the new west bound lanes and shoulders. In addition the larger culvert will alleviate the potential of flooding on adjacent land north of the parkway. This will only include work on the culvert and headwalls under the new 'B' road.



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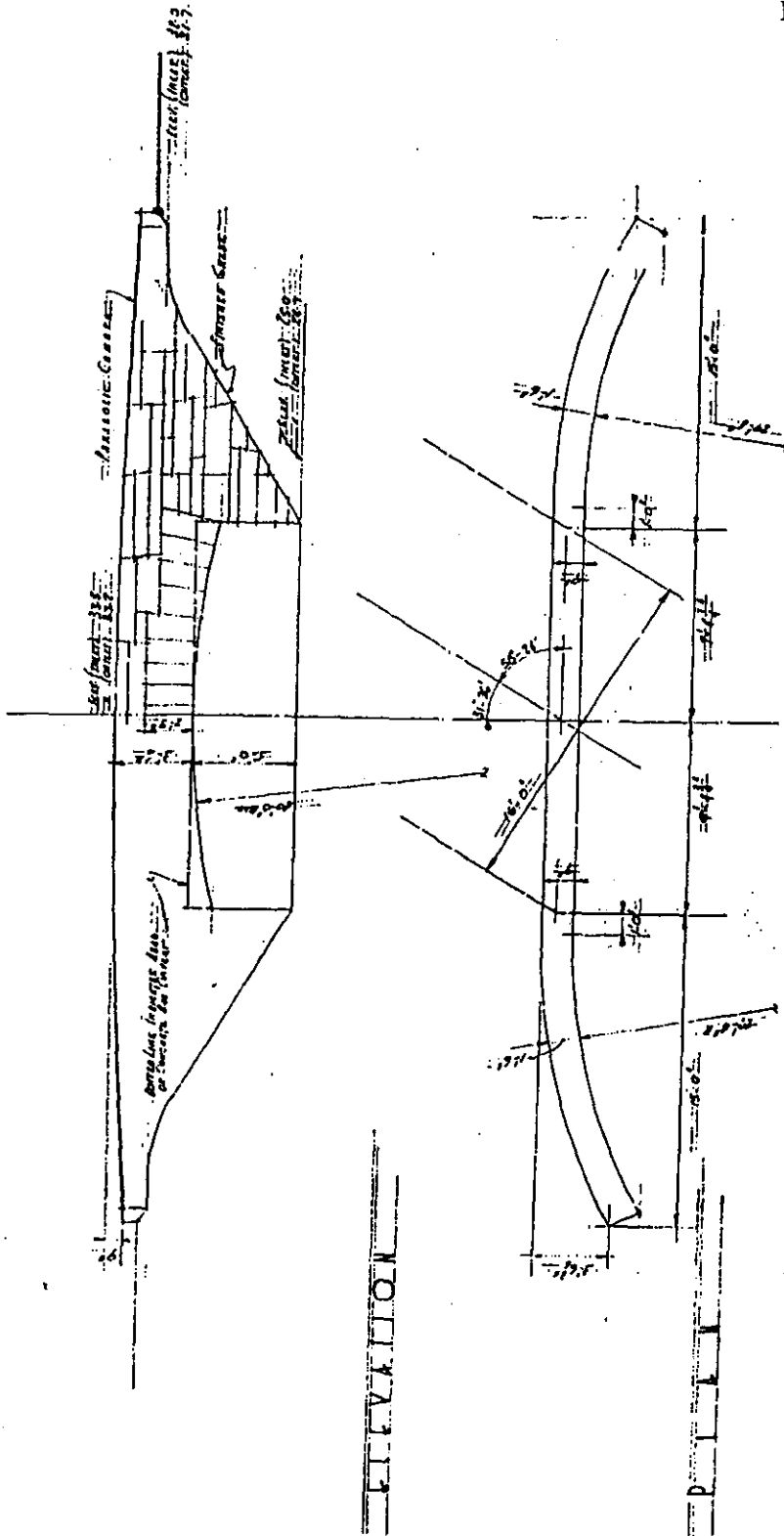
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CULVERT UNDER ROAD 'B'

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